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Rear Admiral R. E. Schuirmann,  
Director of Naval Intelligence,  
Navy Department, Room 3076,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Admiral Schuirmann:

In furtherance of our general agreement for joint Army and Navy participation in MID's section at Camp Ritchie for the exploitation of captured Japanese documents, the following specific arrangements are deemed necessary:

Document Collection and Transmission. Naval theaters to forward all Navy captured Japanese documents to MID Washington by the quickest practicable means upon fulfillment of theater requirements. A copy of directive, issued to provide similar action by Army theaters, is inclosed for your information.

Personnel. Eventual personnel requirements for the exploitation of Japanese documents will be based on the volume of raw material received together with results obtained. Since proper determination of these facts will require several months of operational experience, it is planned to initiate the undertaking with minimum personnel.

The Navy to provide initially, 25 Japanese language specialists of whom five should possess general naval intelligence qualifications. An additional five of the above should have naval air intelligence qualifications to assist in the exploitation of documents pertaining to the Japanese Air Forces as already mutually agreed.

MID has provided 18 officers and 38 enlisted men and the A. C. of A. S., Intelligence, will be requested to provide five officers and 12 enlisted men for this activity.

The extent of British Air participation, pursuant to the approved agreement, remains undetermined at this time as does also British Army participation.

Reports. All reports issued by the section will bear a heading, to be mutually agreed, providing appropriate service credit.

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Please confirm the above arrangements at your earliest convenience and indicate when they will be completed in order to expedite full implementation of the activity.

Sincerely,

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1 Inclosure:

Ltr to CG, USAF, POA, from  
TAG dtated 14 Sep 44.

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